

Look at these paragraphs and examples and decide what is the classification principle and come up with an appropriate topic sentence for a paragraph classifying them.

These subtypes are commonly used in comics too. A lot of these categories overlap each other in heroes.

- **Superman archetype:** Superheroes based on Superman belong in this category. This can be heroes who have the same powers as Supes (icebreath, laser-eyes, flying, superstrength and endurance), or superheroes who were first in their world and set the base for other superheroes.
- **Martial artist:** A category of superheroes who are more human than superhuman, but are masters in martial arts. Most superheroes in this category have no or almost no superpowers, but are very athletic and trained. Examples are Batman and Daredevil.
- **Brick/Tank:** A character with superhuman strength and endurance. They are mostly extremely big and muscular. Examples include: Hulk, Thing and Juggernaut.
- **Blaster:** A hero whose primary power is a distant attack, like an energy ray (for example: Cyclops and Starfire). This category can be divided in:
 - **Elementalist:** A hero who controls certain elements or forces of nature like Storm
 - **Mage:** A hero who uses magic or the supernatural like Dr. Strange
 - **Marksman:** A hero who uses projectile weapons like fire-arms or a bow and arrow. Throwing knives fit in this category too. Examples are: the Punisher, Hawkeye and Green Arrow.
- **Gadgeteer:** A hero who uses special gadgets and apparatus to give him superpowers. This can be divided in:
 - **Armored Hero:** A gadgeteer whose powers come from a special armor or costume, like Iron Man.
 - **Dominus:** A hero who has a giant robot (Mecha) at his disposal. These are mostly Japanese superheroes or heroes from science fiction stories. Examples are: Super sentai, Power Rangers and Megas XLR.
 - **Metal Hero:** A variant of the armored hero, they mostly look like cyborgs or androids.
- **Speedster:** A hero who has superhuman speed and reflexes. Examples are Flash and Quicksilver.
- **Mentalist:** A hero who possesses psychic or telekinetic powers. Examples are Professor X and Jean Grey.

- Shapeshifter: A hero who can manipulate his body and therefore can take many forms and shapes. This can mean stretching and shrinking (Mr. Fantastic) or rather take an entirely different form (Mystique).

- Size-changer: A special group in the shapeshifter categorie. This are heroes who can change their body size to extremely big or extremely small. Examples are: Henry Pym, Wasp and the Atom.

- Henshin-Hero: A type of superhero that's mainly popular in Japanese series and comics. This heroes can transform their body (sometimes via a special device or object) from their normal human form to their superhero form. Examples are Super Sentai and Kamen Rider.

- Rider: A hero who uses special transportation that (partly) gives him his power, like Silver Surfer

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